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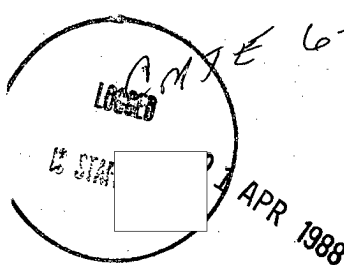
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Duane R. Clarridge
Chief, Counterterrorism Center, CIA

FROM: 
Chairman, DCI Intelligence Information Handling Committee

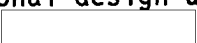

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SUBJECT: MCDS Implementation Proposal

REFERENCE: DCI/ICS 4167-87, 17 December 1987

1. Community comment received thus far on the MCDS concept of design and operations outline provided to you as the attachment to the reference, and subsequently disseminated to the IICT by NIO/CT, has been generally encouraging. In particular, feedback received from DO/IMS regarding the security aspects of the proposal indicates that we are on the right track. At this juncture, I believe, we need to develop the concept to the level at which participating organizations can reasonably be assured their requirements will be met and at which a useful estimate of the cost to build and operate the system can be derived. The product of this phase would be a formal program implementation proposal to the DCI/DDCI seeking authorization and resources to develop MCDS as a DCI-sponsored Community initiative beginning in the FY 1990 NFIP. 

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2. I propose that we accomplish this by convening a set of Community working groups, which IHC will coordinate, to develop a fast track system specification and functional design using the recently completed DESIST Follow-On study done for  as a point of departure. Each working group, appropriately staffed by participating agencies, will address a major segment of the prospective MCDS, e.g. data bases, security, communications, etc. Their integrated findings will serve as the basis of a cost estimate, an implementation strategy, and a projected multi-year NFIP funding profile. 

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3. To obtain a DCI/DDCI decision on our proposal in time to position the MCDS program in the FY 1990 NFIP, we need to provide it to him by July. This requires that we begin to develop it immediately. I, therefore, request your early concurrence in this course of action or the substitution of a viable alternative. In addition, I request that you authorize use of the contractor resources [redacted] available to [redacted] for DESIST Follow-on work to support the foregoing effort. Adequate technical and administrative support will be indispensable to the working groups' effectiveness. [redacted]

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